

To: Harrison, Melissa[Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 12:19:39 PM
Subject: Re: Additional Gold King Mine statement/update 8/10

You were on it from Rich Mylott. I sent some edits last night. Kelly and David weighed in.

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 8:18 AM, Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

My understanding is it was just given to Congressionals with the intent to release to press and posting today. Did you review it? I never saw it.

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 6:16 AM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

was the update posted online or given to reporters?

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On Aug 11, 2015, at 8:14 AM, Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov> wrote:

Just making sure you got this

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cristiano, Gina" <Cristiano.Gina@epa.gov>

Date: August 11, 2015 at 3:15:13 AM MDT

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All,

The following information is also being released:

EPA has compared the surface water quality data collected on August 5 and 6 to screening levels for human health developed by EPA. The screening levels for human incidental ingestion during recreation are based on an exposure duration totaling 60 days, 8 hours/day. The State of Colorado has developed screening levels for agricultural exposure. The screening levels for agricultural exposure are based on an exposure duration totaling 30 days.

Based on the data we have seen so far, EPA and ATSDR do not anticipate adverse health effects from exposure to the metals detected in the river water samples from skin contact or incidental (unintentional) ingestion. Similarly, the risk of adverse effects to livestock that may have been exposed to metals detected in river water samples from ingestion or skin contact is low. It is advisable to avoid areas with orange discoloration in the river water.

Although the pH levels between Cement Creek and Durango have returned to baseline

levels washing with soap and water after contact with the river water is a sound public health practice to minimize exposure to the metals and bacteria that may be present in any untreated river water.

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The Gold King Mine Release statement/update for 8/10 is attached.

Thank you, Gina

Gina Cristiano

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